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FLUIDS IN A FUEL CELL SYSTEM

May 12, 2004
New York, New York

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

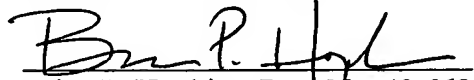
1. Amendment and Response [10 pgs.];
2. Petition for One-Month Extension of Time [1 pg.];
3. Check No. 1903 in the amount of \$55.00 for extension fee; and
4. a Return Postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 21535-009, Customer No. 35437. A duplicate copy of the this transmittal letter is enclosed.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at 212-935-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

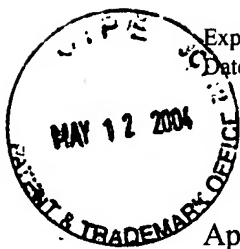
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO

OFFICE ACTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mail dated March 12, 2004, the time for responding having been extended one month from April 12, 2004 to May 12, 2004 by the enclosed Petition For Extension Of Time, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Response to the Office Action/Restriction Requirement.

The **Amendments to the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

The **Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

The **Conclusion** begins on page 10 of this paper.